

**SMHR Lived Experience Research Award**

The SMHR Lived Experience Research Award recognises people with lived experience of mental health issues leading mental health research. The award is open to all people with lived experience of mental health issues who have led mental health research as a lay or academic researcher. Lived experience is defined as personal experience of mental ill-health (consumer) or experience as an informal carer/family member.

Applicants are invited to respond to the selection criteria below and outline their contributions to SMHR (e.g., participation on committees, conference participation).

Selection criteria

Applicants are invited to demonstrate their leadership in mental health research focused on lived experience perspectives. Submissions will be scored on (a) the relevance of the research to people with lived experience of mental health issues; (b) the active inclusion of people with lived experience in the research process; and (c) the contribution of the applicant’s work to the mental health knowledge base.

Details of the Award

The award includes a certificate, $1000 prize money and payment of conference registration fees at the 2025 SMHR conference. The awardee and their work will be featured on the SMHR website.

Nominee

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| Title |  |
| Name |  |
| Institution/s |  |
| Position/s |  |
| Current member of SMHR? | Yes No |
| Is the Nominee able to attend the 2025SMHR Conference? | Yes No |

Response to the selection criteria (maximum 500 words)

Contribution to SMHR (maximum 200 words)

Applications should be uploaded via the website with the file format 2025\_AWARD NAME\_APPLICANT SURNAME.PDF “

**Due date: 29 August 2025, 5pm AEST**

*Applications must be made on this form and will not be accepted after the deadline.*

The successful applicants will be advised late September.